

**MINUTES
MONTEAGLE CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 30, 2020**

The Oath's of Office were administered by Mayor Marilyn Rodman to the new council. They are Dorraine Parmley, Jessica Favaloro, Nate Wilson and Jessica Blalock.

The regular meeting of the Monteagle City Council was called to order by Mayor Marilyn Rodman. Mayor Rodman had a special guest to say the prayer and Mr. Favaloro led the pledge of allegiance. The previous minutes of the old council were not approved.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief Jack Hill presented his report. A copy is attached. He reported an armed robbery at the Circle K. Alderman Nate Wilson asked about the miles that the officers patrol. Mayor Rodman read a letter of praise from Ms. Cindy Northcutt.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Geron Brewer presented his report. A copy is attached. The firemen will be having training in January 2021. There was discussion on truck fires on the interstate and how the insurance companies are billed.

911 – No Report

UTILITY DEPARTMENT – Mr. John Condra reported that they have been working on the Christmas lights and there is painting being done at the water plant. He explained the need for a new backhoe. The oldest one will be traded in on the new one. There were three bids

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they are as follows: Contractor's Machinery, Inc for \$115,000.00, Contractor's Machinery Tri-Cities Inc. for \$ 115,483.00 and Diamond Equipment, Inc for \$79,000.00. Mr. Condra added that it may take up to three months to get the backhoe. After discussion Alderman Blalock made a motion to accept the bid from Diamond Equipment in the amount of \$79,000.00. Alderman Wilson seconded the motion and it passed 5/0 on a roll call vote.

ENGINEER – Mayor Rodman discussed a ARC grant for \$500,000 that has a match of 20% that a pre application must be submitted by December 4, 2020. Mr. Travis Wilson from S&ME engineering firm introduced himself and what his firm does. This will be a project by project basis. After discussion Alderman Parmley made a motion to hire S&ME as our Engineer. Alderman Wilson seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.

CODES – Mr. Earl Geary presented several business permits. Monteagle Nutrition and Studio Fitness which are located in the Country Mart are ready for approval. Alderman Blalock made a motion to approve both business permits. Alderman Parmley seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.

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VICE MAYOR – Alderman Favaloro made a motion to elect Ms. Dorraine Parmley Vice Mayor. Alderman Blalock seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.

CITY ATTORNEY – There was discussion on hiring a city attorney. Mr. Sam Elliott with Gearhiser Peters Elliott & Cannon, PLLC in Chattanooga met with the council last week. His rate will be \$250.00 and he will do zoom meetings as well as face to face meetings. He is excellent with zoning issues and works for other cities. Alderman Wilson made a motion to hire Mr. Sam Elliott as City Attorney. Alderman Parmley seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.

SOUND SYSTEM AND LAPTOP – A proposal is attached for the sound system from Mr. Kreh Partin in the amount of \$1745.42. The laptop will cost around \$1000.00. So the total cost of the Sound System will be \$2745.42. Alderman Blalock made the motion to approve the sound system and laptop. Alderman Parmley seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.

MR. RUSTY LEONARD – Mr. Leonard was present to represent RBT Petro Travel Center. He gave an overview of the project. After his discussion Mayor Rodman explained that the cities insurance attorney has advised the council that this matter will go to court on Jan. 15, 2021. The council will let the Judge decide on the best plan or action.

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There have been several statements in writing about the fines filed by the city judge against Rodney Kilgore. All are attached and part of these minutes. Mr. Earl Geary has also written a statement about the work being done on the property of the proposed truck stop. A copy is attached. There was discussion on the complaints related to Mr. Kilgore's property.

ALDERMAN

Alderman Wilson thanked everyone supported him in the election. Alderman Favaloro stated that she would like to bring in funds for projects in the city, roads, etc.

Mayor Rodman stated that the city will take all safety measures for citizens and employees during the Covid.

RECYCLING – Mr. Michael Gautier installed a cardboard compactor at the convenience center. The council discussed getting a contract with him because this is a safety issue with our insurance company. They would like to reach out to Mr. Gautier with a simple contract and to see if he carries insurance.

It was brought to the attention of the council that Franklin County will not let people take their trash to the dump if they do not

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live in Franklin County. We have trouble with contractors dumping and would like to have household trash only in the compactor. The council tabled this until they can come up with a plan.

After more discussion on the Cardboard compactor Alderman Parmley made a motion to put a lock on the electric until Mr. Gautier can be contacted. This is a safety issue. Alderman Blalock seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.

CITIZENS HEARING

There were several citizens that wanted to be heard on the Rodney Kilgore issue. Mr. Tony Gilliam, Mr. Billy Moon and Ms. Mary Beth Best gave a presentation. It was also discussed that the Grundy County Herald will be the local paper used for City ads.

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EVENTS

Christmas Parade December 5, 2020.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mayor, Marilyn Rodman

City Recorder, Debbie Taylor